period of absence from duty shall be paid pay and allowances in accordance with the provisions of sub-rule (2) or sub-rule (3) subject to the directions, if any, of the Court.

(b) Where an authority either wilfully does not observe or through gross negligence fails to observe, the rule provisions, proceedings could be initiated against such authority under the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1965.

BHEL offer on project of NLC

2374. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. submitted any offers for equipment in February-March, 1990 to Neyveli Lignite Corporation for 'Zero Unit' proejct of NLC;

(b) whether there is any negotiation for the price between BHEL and NLC on the offer;

(c) whether BHEL had declined to extend their validity period during the negotiation;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, the factual position on the refer of BHEL to NLC on this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. BHEL had submitted an offer in May, 1990 for supply of equipment against the tender issued by NLC in February, 1990 for their 'Zero Unit' project.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) BHEL had extended the validity of its offer three times. AS NLC could not decide the order within the extended validity period, BHEL submitted a revised offer. However, Neyveli Zero Unit was subsequently included in the list of projects to be executed by an IPP.

Visit of Defence Secretary to Israel

2375. SHRI SYSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Secretary went on an official visit to Israel on July 4, 1995; and

(b) if so, the nature and details of military hardware and software sought to be procured from Israel and the outcome of the visit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Discussions with senior officials of the Israeli Ministry of Defence were held on issues of mutual interest.

Supply Orders to Bharat Electronics Limited

2376. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bharat Electronics Limited has bagged orders worth Rupees 500 crore from Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited for supplying several new sophisticated naval and defence equipments;

(b) if so, details thereof with terms of such orders;

(c) whether Bharat Electronics Limited has also finalised some deal with Damodar Valley Corporation for setting up a satellite communiction network;

(d) if so, details thereof with terms of such orders;

(e) whether Bharat Electronics limited had also installed its unique liquid crystal display sustem at the Calcutta Airport; and

(f) if so, details thereof with terms of such installation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has, over the years, been supplying substantial equipment/systems to Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited for installation in warships being built by it. The value of supply orders concerning the ships now under construction is about Rupees 400 crores.

(c) and (d) BEL has secured orders from Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) for supply and installation of a satellite communication network for linking its thermal and hydel power stations in West Bengal and Bihar. The value of the order is about Rupees 8 crores.

(e) and (f) BEL has installed liquid crystal device flight information display system, baggage claim information board, video monitors and control equipment at Calcutta Airport in January 1995. The value of the work was Rupees 2.3 crores.

राज्य विधान सभाओं के लिए चुनाव

2377. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) किन-किन राज्य विधान सभाओं का कार्यकाल वर्ष 1996 में समाप्त हो रहा है;

(ख) क्या वहां पर निर्धारित समय पर चुनाव कराए जाएंगे; और

(ग) क्या उन चुनावों में भाग लेने वाले मतदाताओं के लिए फोटो पहचान पत्र आवश्यक हैं?

विधि, न्याय और कंपनी कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज): (क) केरल, हरियाणा, पश्चिमी बंगाल, पांडिचेरी, असम और तमिलनाडु राज्य विधान सभाओं का कार्यकाल वर्ष 1996 में समाप्त होने वाला है।

(ख) जी हां। संवैधानिक अपेक्षाओं की पूर्ति के अधीन रहते हुए नियत समय पर उनके कराए जाने की संभावना है।

(ग) निर्वाचन आयोग ने इस संबंध में अभी तक कोई अंतिम विनिश्चय नहीं किया है।

Petitions for Security

2378. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: the petitions seeking security of life received by his office through Members of parliament during the last three months till date, State-wise; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a)and (b):- Information is being collection.

Amendment to Constitution for deletion of Article 44.

2379. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All-India Muslim Personal Law Board had lately urged Government to bring about an amendment to the Constitution of India for deletion of article 44 directing the State to secure a uniform Civil code;

(b) if so, on what grounds; and

(c) what is Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS. (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Gvoernment's attention has been drawn by one Hon'ble Member of Parliament of Lok Sabha to the fact that such a representation was made to Members of parliament and Leaders of Public Opinion.

(c) There is no proposal to amend or delete Article 44 of the Costitution.

दमोह और सागर जिलों के लिए जल प्रदाय योजना

2380. **श्री अजीत जोगी:**
श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा:

क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि: